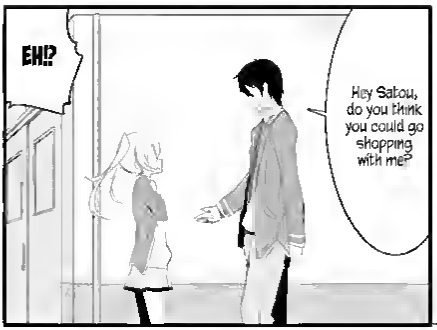
Yeah.
A-ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO PICK OUT SOMETHING THAT IMPORTANT..?


EH!?
Hey Satou, do you think you could go shopping with me?

You're perfect, Satou

I normally ask Akane or someone else to help me pick out a present for her, but everyone seems busy this year
It's almost Kanade's birthday

I also have another favor I'd like to ask of you...
Are you listening...?

Really?
Hey there you two, care for a small sample?

NEXT DAY
I haven't given you an answer, yet I'm asking you to help out with *something like this*
Huh?
Sorry

Yes, more or less
OH NO! WE'RE NOT HERE FOR THAT TODAY, BUT-
On a date? Sure is steamy around even though it's still winter

And if it'll help you and this city, then—
OH NO, DON'T BE!
WE DID PROMISE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION SO

Hmm? Have we met somewhere before, bro?
Oh, so it is a date, then
Pops, you idiot! He's the prince!

Ahaha, I apologize for all the trouble.
poof
Oh my, are you two on a date? And here I was thinking it was pretty hot today

You don't say
Ahh, the oldest son, huh? Was wondering what with that boring face you were making

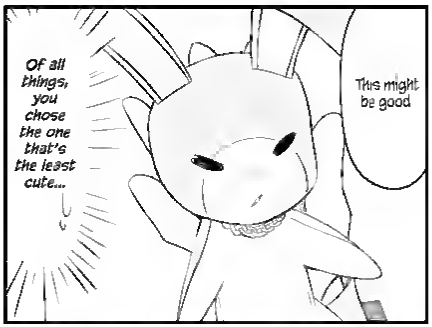
She sure is cute.
Is this a date? He didn't deny it, but that's only because he ignored it, right?

It's cute inside, too...
S-So, did you have anything in mind you wanted to get for her?
Step by again!
KOH!?
Satou, do you own stuff like this?
I see...
Nope, not a thing.
Or maybe he'll think I'm cute instead...!?
Will he think I'm childish if I say yes?
Oh, that store looks kind of cute...
Cute.
UUU...
Oh, sure!
Want to take a look?

Hm?
S-Sakura-da-kun...
RING
RING

Oh really
Oh...
Despite how Kanade acts, she used to carry around a stuffed toy wherever she went when we were younger.

What's wrong? Are you feeling sick?
Er... Um...

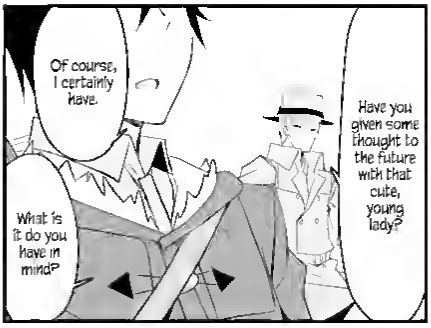

Of all things, you chose the one that's the least cute...
This might be good

NEED TO GO PICK FLOWERS FOR A BIT...
I-I...

It's cute, too...!
Y-Yeah! If you're the one choosing, I think that's for the best!
What do you think?

I'LL BE FINE, SO JUST WAIT FOR ME AT THE BENCH OVER THERE!
Will you be okay by yourself...?
Should I go with you?

Nooo-ooo!!
It looks similar to the one Kanade used to have
Y-Yeah? Though honestly, I can't say for sure this is cute or not
But I'll go with this if that's what you think, Satou


Have you given some thought to the future with that cute, young lady?
Of course, I certainly have.
What is it do you have in mind?

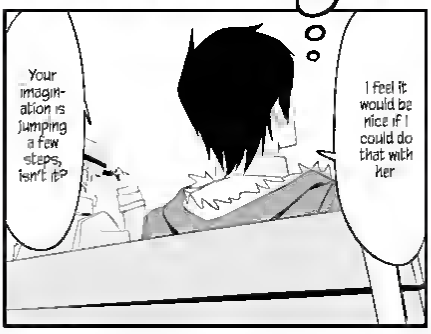
Prince

I want us to be family
Excuse me...?

My apologies for disturbing your break. May I have a moment of your time?
Ah, yes, no problem

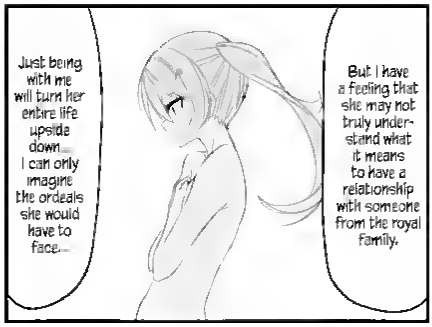
On a nice, sunny day off, I could go out with my wife and our child
After we finish our shopping, we could dine at a restaurant and so forth.

—Um—
Regarding the young lady you are with...
Ah, yes?


I feel it would be nice if I could do that with her
Your imagination is jumping a few steps, isn't it?

I heard she confessed her feelings to you.
CUTTING RIGHT TO THE CHASE, I SEE.

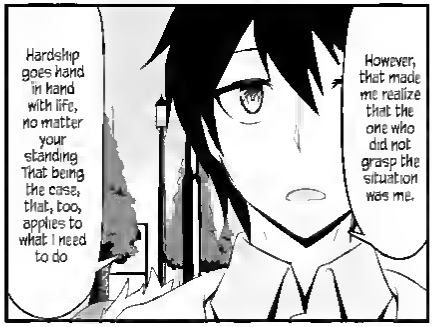
I just spilled my heart out with that killer phrase there...
I understand very well.
..Yes


But I have a feeling that she may not truly understand what it means to have a relationship with someone from the royal family.
Just being with me will turn her entire life upside down... I can only imagine the ordeals she would have to face...

I beg your pardon, but I will be taking my leave now
Huh?

I wanted her to be fully aware of what she was getting into, and whether she should truly pursue a relationship with someone like me.
I was intending to give her time to consider, but that resulted in my delayed response

Please treasure that girl dearly.
Ah, yes, I will...


However, that made me realize that the one who did not grasp the situation was me.
Hardship goes hand in hand with life, no matter your standing. That being the case, that, too, applies to what I need to do

That wasn't for an interview?

I SEE.
ALL I NEED TO DO IS PROTECT HER.

I have to say, you sure are alike
Thank you very much.
Thank you for the food!

Welcome back
I went and bought a present for Sakurada-kun, too!

That's true, but I don't mean that
Like my father? I get told that often.

We're on track. Next is the shopping district.
S-Sorry for the wait! Did I slow anything down?
Okay!

I meant how the two of you are standing together like that

Hm? Well...
By the way, were you just talking to someone earlier?

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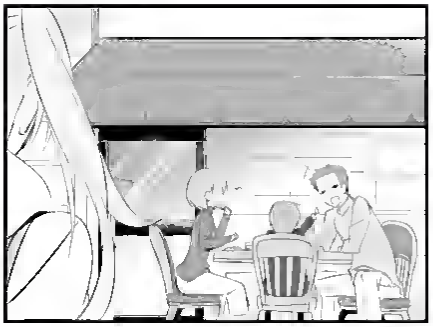
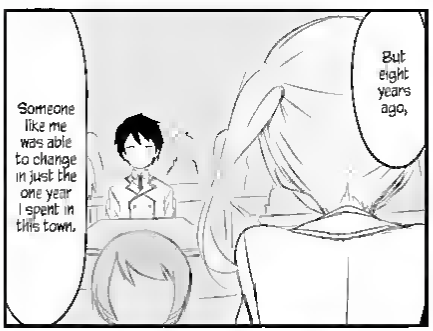
ARE YOU OKAY!?
Someone shady?

People who love your family all gather here, right?
That's why I feel it's a town where people can come to love others



My family tends to move a lot, so I was always hesitant to get closer to other people.
Even if we were able to get along, I'd just end up moving away again...

That's so nice...


But eight years ago,
Someone like me was able to change in just the one year I spent in this town.

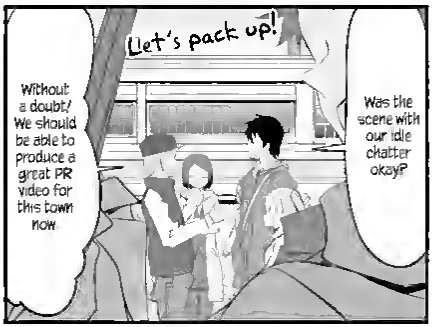
Even I was allowed to find a person I could treasure outside of my family in this town
OKAY, CUT!!

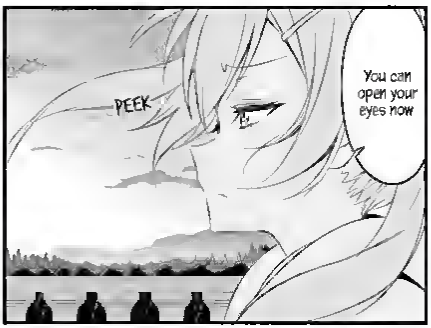
Satou, do you like this town?
EH!? OH! YOU MEAN THIS TOWN!? I-I DO, A LOT, YES!?

Don't worry, I won't do anything weird
We're going to jump elsewhere, so can you close your eyes?
I believe you!

Thank you for your cooperation, you two! That ends today's shooting!

Vooo
OOM
I-I wouldn't mind if you did, though!
F-Fu...


Let's pack up!
Without a doubt! We should be able to produce a great PR video for this town now
Was the scene with our idle chatter okay?


PEEK
You can open your eyes now

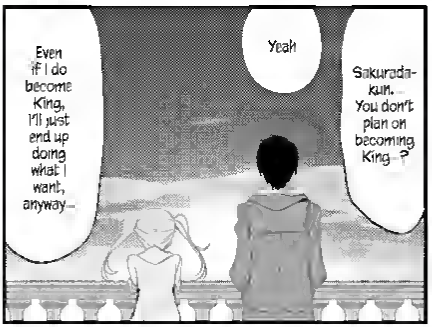
Ah, no that's fine. We still have to stop by somewhere.
If you would like, we can take you home..

.....!

S-Sure.
Satou, do you have a little more time after this?

Were you nervous while we were filming?
I-I was..
But your family has to deal with that everyday, huh...?

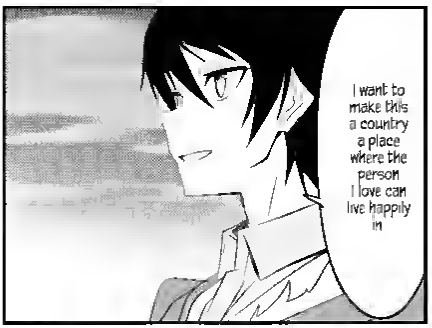
This place is...
It's the place for our final speeches.


Sakurada-kun... You don't plan on becoming King...?
Yeah
Even if I do become King, I'll just end up doing what I want, anyway...

The royal family lived in this castle up until my father's generation
That said, he still comes here for work, though.

So what will you do if you do get elected..?
Hmm, I'm not sure what exactly, but at the very least,

W-Won't they get angry at us for barging in like this?
We should be fine.


I want to make this a country a place where the person I love can live happily in

AS LONG AS THEY DON'T FIND OUT.
AW WA WA WA.

So I was thinking of breaking the promise we made about waiting until after the election
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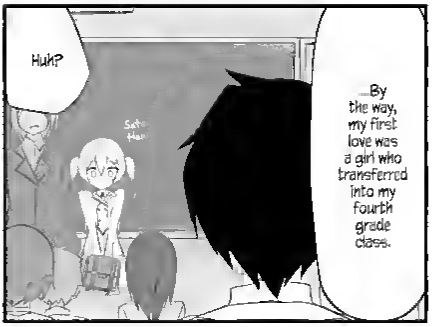
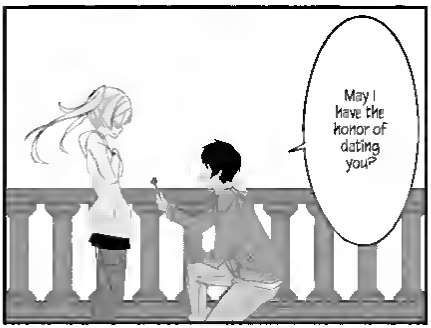
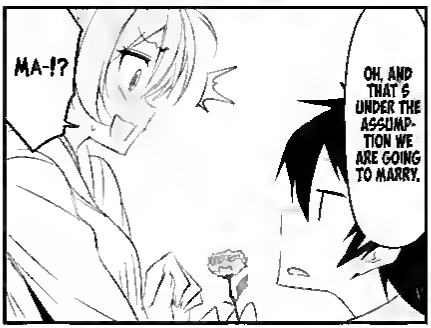

Huh?
Satou Hana
...By the way, my first love was a girl who transferred into my fourth grade class.

I've been in love with you ever since we first met
Huh? Eh? Huh?
Satou Hana-san

I-ISN'T THAT...
She had to transfer again after a year, but I haven't forgotten about her ever since.


May I have the honor of dating you?

O-OHH... HER FAMILY MOVES A LOT TOO HUH...?
So I was really happy when she moved back into this town


MA-!?
OH, AND THAT'S UNDER THE ASSUMPTION WE ARE GOING TO MARRY.

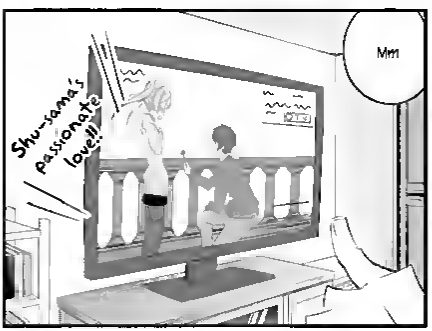
BLUSH
I'm talking about you.

Hana
What is it, dad?

You don't need help picking out Kana-chan's present this year?

Invite your boyfriend over next time
HUH!? H-HOW DID YOU–

Mm yeah
What are you smiling so happily about? Creep
Not this year.


Mm
Shu-sama's passionate love!!

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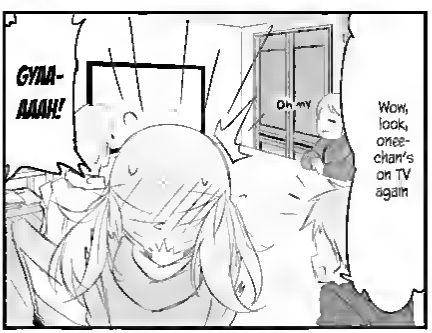
GYAA-AAAH!
Oh my
Wow, look, onee-chan's on TV again

Huh?
ARANE-SAN, I DOUBT YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND EVEN AFTER I YOLD YOU.

Shu-sama's passionate love!?

It's a real pain when these two are on good terms...
Hey Haruka! Don't you feel bad for Misaki? Even if you're just hiding your embarrassment, you're still hurting her, you know?
Aka-nee, Haruka's been really cold to me recently... Am I being annoying...?